

# St John's School Newsletter

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## Principal's Page:

Nau mai haere mai.

### Puketeraki Marae Visit

Thank you to those parents who helped transport and supervise children on this trip last Tuesday 24 October. We enjoyed our visit to the Marae and learnt lots about the protocols observed at the Marae and the history of the local Karitane and surrounding areas. The day finished with a little time at the local beach (the highlight being a young, aggressive sea lion pup who chased us along the beach!)

Here are some photos of our day:





**Bus trip to Alexandra for the Dunstan Kahui Ako Arts Exhibition**

A big thank you to the Maniototo Community Trust who funded two buses to transport us to this exhibition. We enjoyed seeing all the different types of art from the schools in our Dunstan Kahui Ako group, the work was amazing and then we enjoyed a swim at the Alexandra Pool.



## **Health and Physical Education Consultation**

Thank you to those parents who filled in the consultation survey on Health and Physical Education in our school. We have tried to incorporate your ideas and comments into these goals, attitudes and values.

## **Our school goals in Health and Physical Education are:**

### **Children learn to:**

Enjoy regular physical activity (both indoors and outdoors)

Develop a positive attitude to competitive and cooperative activities and fair play practices

Self regulate emotions and feelings

Develop self responsibility and appropriate strategies for keeping safe and physically healthy

Develop a wide range of physical skills to the best of their ability

Develop fine gross motor skills

Experience a variety of sports and activities, eg, dance, swimming

Keep fit as part of being healthy

Accept that everyone is different and that others may not be able to perform physical education activities as well as others.

### **Attitudes and values to be emphasised are:**

-A positive and responsible attitude to total wellbeing - physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual

-A respect for the rights of others

-Care and concern for others in the community and the environment

-Social justice - fairness, inclusiveness, acceptable behaviour.

## **Our school Health and Physical Education Statement**

Health and Physical Education develops resilience, a sense of personal and social responsibility and strategies for living a full and healthy life.

Students develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values and strategies to enhance well-being. They develop understandings of self and others, make informed decisions and actively participate for the benefit of their own well-being, and that of others and community.

## **Bee keeping Sessions**

Our bee hives are now out in a fenced part of "Holy Paddocks" and there are bees residing in the hives.

Thanks to Anna Pettigrew for putting the bees and hives into their place.

We have three sessions planned with Anna this term.

The first session will be on: **Friday 10th November p.m.** with each class timetabled to go with Anna during the afternoon on this day.

Children will wear the beekeeping suits and gloves that we purchased but they **must** bring gumboots from home to wear. This is very important and the children will not be able to go over to the beehive area without gumboots. If your child does not have gumboots please let us know.

The first session will be a very basic session with Anna showing us how to put the bee suits on, rules around the beehives and some basic information. We are looking forward to learning about these important creatures.

## **Concert practices**

We have started learning the songs for our school concert and children in the Middle and Senior Classes have their parts to learn now. From Monday the 13th November until Thursday 23rd November we will be practicing each morning in the Ranfurly Town Hall beginning each day at 9.15a.m. so our normal school timetables will be different for these two weeks.

We will be walking to and from the hall for these practices.

We will let you know nearer to the concert what costume items your child will need for their part.

A reminder the concert and prizegiving is on **Thursday 23rd November at 7p.m.**

## **Uniform Orders**

If you are ordering uniform items we would like the money to be deposited into the school account or paid in cash before we order the items please. Thank you.

## Covid

There is a bit of this in our community at present so please test your children if they are displaying cold or flu like symptoms and if they test positive the recommendation is they are kept home for 5 days. Thank you. Covid testing kits are available for free from the local pharmacy.

If you still have some testing kits from school they have expired so will need to be thrown away.

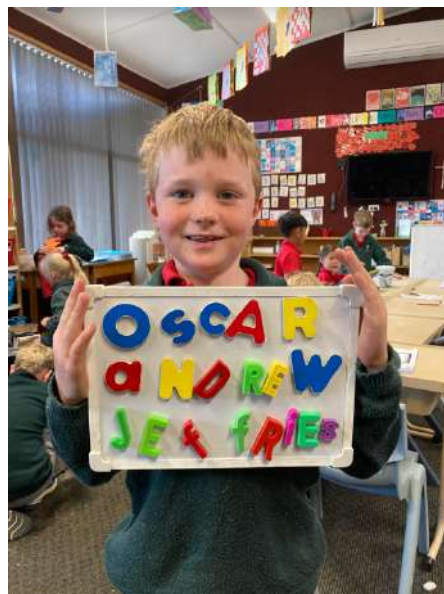
## **Special Character:**

Wednesday 1st November was "All Saints' Day" and Thursday 2nd November was "All Souls' Day". The root word of halloween is "hallow", which means "holy". The suffix "een" is an abbreviation of "evening". Halloween refers to the Eve of All Hallows, the night before All Saints' Day, the Christian holy day that honours saintly people of the past.

All Souls' Day is a day to pray for all souls. It is the day that we especially remember all those who have died, especially our relatives and friends.

## **Junior Class News:**

Below are some photos of several Junior Class children making words with magnetic and wooden letters during reading time. I enjoyed the sounding out of Robert in the photo of Lochy and Harriet! (Photos please Fiona)



Here are some stories about our recent trip to the Puketeraki Marae at Karitane.

On Tuesday we went to the Marae. We left our shoes outside and bags too and we listened to the people talking. We went on the beach and we played in some sand and made some sandcastles. I saw a sea lion and we moved and we moved again and we got home. It was so fun.

James Badillo

On Tuesday we went to the Puketeraki Marae at Karitane. On the walk we saw blowholes. The blowholes were like a circle. We passed two boys at the blowholes, they were catching butter fish. Flynn's relations did die at that Marae. At the beach we saw a sea lion. I took Emerson and Bjorn home. It was fun.

Izzy Eketone

On Tuesday we went to the Marae. I went with Mum. We left our shoes outside while we were going inside. We had kai (food). We went on a walk. We saw a midden (a dump). We saw people going to catch butter fish (they are not butter, they are a type of fish). We went to the beach, it was fun (except for the part when the seal chased us).

Archie Weir

On Tuesday we went to the Puketeraki Marae. We listened to Gaz. We had lunch. We went on a walk. There were Maori speakers. We saw ochre. There were rocks. We went to the beach. We made sandcastles. We saw a sea lion. The adults distracted the sea lion from the kids. It was amazing.

Harriet O'Neill

On Tuesday we went to the Marae. I saw waves going into the waterholes.

Lochy Barnish

## Middle Class News:



Tēnā Koutou,

Thank you to all the wonderful parents that came to the Marae last week. I really appreciate you all giving up your time to accompany us on our camp. We had a great overnight stay and we learned a lot about Maori protocol, customs and the history of the Karitane area. I was so proud of how the Middle Room was so well-behaved on this trip and made the most of all the experiences.





The children have continued to train hard for the Athletics at the end of the week. Good luck to all the children and do your best!

The next few weeks are dedicated to getting ready for the school concert. The children will just have reading books, concert lines and songs to learn for homework. We will be practicing the play each day at school from next week before we move to practices at the Town Hall. The children will bring home some costume ideas as well for their characters.

Ngā mihi,  
Heather Dowling

## **Senior Class News:**

### **Whakatauki - Māori proverb.**

***Kaua e mate wheke mate ururoa o  
Strive for your goals***

Kia ora koutou,

We have continued to be active and busy in the senior room. Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed our fabulous marae trip to Karitane, the Arts Exhibition in Alexandra and also had Jo Bell visit us from the Dunedin Young Vinnies team. Our 8 calves have arrived to Holy Paddocks and they will be well fed over the coming weeks by the children and then sold as our fundraiser for our 2024 camp. Thank you Anna and Luke Jeffries from Maniototo Dairy for generously supporting us with this venture. Life is happy, busy, sometimes chaotic but always a pleasure with your children. They have made a very positive start to the term and are always willing to help out in many ways. I appreciate this so much.

#### **Maniototo Athletics Sports**

Tomorrow is the Maniototo Athletics Day. The children have practised over the last few weeks towards this and are well prepared to do their best in each event. Please ensure you have them there on time on Friday with a packed lunch and filled drink bottle. All children will be nervous so focusing on what they can control (their performance) and emphasising the focus on enjoying the day is important. Everybody has set goals for athletics in 3 events and I wish each child well in achieving these.

For those children in relays, at the end of the day, they will be called to the race start area and the adults will sort them into their races. It is important that all children who are in relay teams, stay and do this event. Children then attend the prizegiving and sit as a school on the grass area. After the athletics, a selection meeting is held to pick our representative team to travel to the Otago Athletic Sports in Dunedin on Tuesday 21st November. Those children who are selected will bring home a notice on Monday, which will need to be returned by Wednesday.

Thank you also to our parents for helping to run the High Jump event tomorrow. Your time is appreciated.

Best wishes to all our competitors and you will see me at the 800m race, as this is the event that I run.

#### **Dunstan Zone Triathlon**

This is on Wednesday 15th November in Cromwell. A notice for those going will come home next week with further details. At this point, our teams are not sorted but this will be organised early next week. The place-getters from the Dunstan Zone Triathlon will go on to compete in the Central Otago Triathlon Championship event in Queenstown on Wednesday 22nd November. At this stage, I know no details about this event.

#### **School Concert**

We are underway with our practices and your child's homework this week was to learn the words to their part in the play. Please help them with this. It is a fun play with lots happening in each scene, you will enjoy their performance when you see it on Thursday 23rd November.

## **Enviroschools Hui**

Last Tuesday the year 7's we went to Enviroschools Hui at Omakau school. We did lots of fun things like planting seeds and digging up worms, we also learnt about pests and what they do to be a pest.

We were there with other kids from schools around Central Otago from years 5-8. It was also the enviroschools birthday and we got cake. We hope to teach other kids about all this next year.

By Marley and Josie.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Maniototo Athletic Sports tomorrow.

Kind regards  
Geraldine Duncan

### **Senior Room Motto 2023**

Before ....  
We speak - we listen  
We quit - we try  
We do - we think  
We react - we breathe.

## **Board of Trustees:**

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is on **Tuesday 14th November at 7.30p.m.**

## **Notices and Dates:**

<b>Term 4 Week 4</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Maniototo Athletic Sports
	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Caleb Cai & Jae McAuley
<b>Week 5</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Maniototo Athletic Sports – Postponement date
	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Harry & Isla Jeffries
<b>Week 6</b>	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Sunday Mass at 5pm Altar Servers: Noah & Nathan Smith

## **Reminder**

“Night at the Races” jockey & horse forms and money needs to be in on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November please.







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